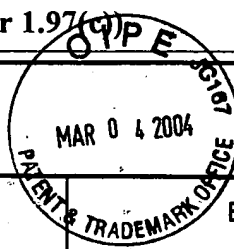


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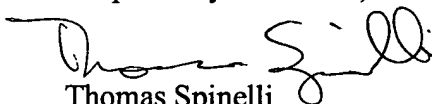

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3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-260026 A, published September 16, 2003, together with an English language abstract.

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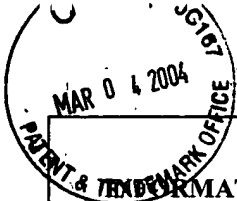
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